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Circuit court and the school election made things lively in Marlinton last week. Edray district decided by an overwhelming vote to take a small portion of its wealth and build a high school at the county seat. This was a wise decision. The money will be expended for a permanent improvement and it is not money that is to be spent in living expenses. It is in the nature of an investment. There is a great difference in a man spending his savings for a house instead of eating them up. Just so it is with the investment of public money.

The trouble with too many of our best citizens is that they remember the straightened circumstances that prevailed after the Civil War, when they could not afford the things that brighten and embellish civilized life. Then nothing but the strictest economy was to be thought of. But now that we have overcome the ravages of war and the wealth begins to pile up, we can do more for schools than we once could.

Another thing that many of the county people cannot adjust their minds to is the fact that the town of Marlinton, the county town, has grown away beyond all expectation. It is just like a child growing up. It costs more to maintain it. Marlinton is now the largest and best built town in the five counties composing the 10th Senatorial District. There are more people in the immediate vicinity of Marlinton than there were in Pocahontas county in 1840 when the pioneers of the county established three good academies at Hillsboro, Huntersville, and Greenbank, respectively, in response to the movement to make the University of Virginia the school center of the commonwealth. The population of the county was 2922. The number of scholars in schools was 133. Capital in stores was \$12,000. In manufactures \$28,000. Pendleton county at that time had more than twice as many people as Pocahontas. Bath had fifty per cent more people. Yet our forefathers established good schools and laid the foundation for the culture and refinement of our day, and we have the same duty to perform for the coming generation.

The big country vote for the school is highly appreciated by the town people, and we have no stones to throw at those who voted against the proposition. It was an economic proposition pure and simple and much is to be said on both sides of the question. Personally we think that the best gift that a parent can give a child is a good education, but there are others who would not lie easy in their graves if they did not leave a big estate to be enjoyed by their next of kin.

One thing is certain that with the vast majority of the children in Edray district, it is a case of depending upon the local schools for an education, and it usually happens that the brighter the child the less chance it has to be sent away to an expensive school to finish its education. The action of the voters last Saturday, for many such a child, breaks his birth's invidious bar, and opens to him the treasures of the mighty dead.

The court house has not been as crowded in ten years as it was last week at the trial of Norman Wilfong for the killing of his neighbor, Kenny Elliott. We did not know that there were as many people in the county that we did not know. All of Buffalo mountain must have been there. Two men going about their usual avocations met on a steep mountain path, and renewed a quarrel that had been breeding for sometime. Elliott was a strong, peaceable man, and Wilfong was a weak man with an ungovernable temper. He had a shot gun loaded with small shot. Wilfong shot Elliott there in the lonely woods and whatever may be the whole truth about the matter, it is apparent that within a minute after the killing Wilfong had what they call remorse and has been truly penitent ever since. The last words that Kenny Elliott was heard to say by a disinterested witness was just as he left a friend to start on his last lonely walk and they were uttered in a jocular manner: "I may run up against Norman, and I reckon he will lick me." Within twenty minutes after that the fatal meeting had taken place.

Wilfong is about as ordinary looking a man as you would meet in a day's journey. He has been a powerful hard worker and has come up from a laborer to own a couple of good farms. But his real jewels consist of a good wife and a large family of bright nice looking children ranging in ages from three years up to maturity. People who had seen this homely looking little man around the courthouse since the law had gathered him up, were perfectly as-

onished to see such a fine family appear at court to undergo the ordeal of a trial with him. Wilfong had two splendid jury lawyers in Messrs. N. C. McNeil and F. R. Hill but we think that his bulwark of strength was in his devoted wife and his interesting children.

A special prosecuting lawyer appeared in Hon. Ben Hiner, the leading lawyer of Pendleton county. He is a famous orator, who a resists eloquence wielded at will, shook the court house and fulminated over the jury box. We are rather inclined to the opinion that as men read more that they become impervious to loud and vehement expression, weighing the words rather than the manner in which they are delivered. Anyway though the visiting lawyer volleyed and thundered, it had no appreciable effect further than to dissolve the prisoner's family in tears. By the time the great speech had ended, we do not think that we ever saw a more miserable looking set of young folks, with the tears caked and dried on their faces. The great orator was answered. Tears! the awful language, eloquent of infinite affection.

The jury went out and after a time returned into court with a verdict of involuntary manslaughter which carries with it a jail sentence, and the defendant had escaped the gallows and the pen. The presiding judge's trained mind was startled at the verdict, because the elements that go to make up that degree of homicide were singularly absent from the case. Killing in sudden passion may constitute the crime of voluntary manslaughter, but involuntary manslaughter is practically confined to killing as the result of criminal carelessness, or as an incident in the commission of some wrongful act. But there is another provision that may sustain the members of the jury in after years when they have a clearer vision. It is the seventh section of another code: "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

Following the murder trial, the court took up the case against a young man by the name of Perry who carved up an acquaintance at Buckeye last winter considerable. There was not much defense to this charge except that the prisoner had been greatly provoked by wrongs done to a younger brother and had carried the spite a little too long to render the attack strictly lawful. A little more and he would have entirely unfurnished his adversary. The jury was merciful to this poor sinful brother, too, and he got the same term as Wilfong, one year in the county jail.

The dearly beloved dog of Mrs. Hannah Dolan had been accused of the capital offense of killing sheep in the justice court and there convicted and sentenced to death. Believing her dog to be innocent of the charge she took an appeal and the case was called in the superior court. Then the prosecuting attorney raised a high point that the case was not appealable. That it was a police regulation and could not be delayed by taking an appeal. And that the right to appeal was not contemplated by the legislature in passing the act. The court held the point well taken, likening it to an order of a board of health requiring vaccination where the person could not put off the day by an appeal but would have to submit to the order. In the mean time, it was rumored that pending the appeal that the dog had paid the debt of nature, which if it be true, is another argument for laws delay, under the rule that time sets all things right.

Some candidates visited the county during court and they were well received and sent on their ways rejoicing. The spell may last until the primary or it may not. We rather think that the

He said that his name was Joe Anton and that he hailed from Syria. That he had a speaking acquaintance with one Abraham who said he had a box of groceries in the railway station at Cloverlick and who asked him to call there with a yellow bill of lading and inquire if the package had arrived and if so to reship it to Durbin. Willing always to oblige a friend he had undertaken the commission. When he arrived at the depot, and presented the bill of lading, to his horror and surprise, he found that the sheriff had been there before him and had opened the box and found that it contained seven gallons of whiskey. Therefore they seized Joe and cast him into prison. The point relied upon by the defense was that as the goods had never come into the possession of the defendant and that a shipment of contraband stuff might be made to any person however innocent, that under the rule that it is better that ninety-nine guilty persons escape than that one innocent man suffer, that the defendant should go free. There were certain elements in the case however such as having in possession a bill of lading for the whiskey under a wrong name, and some evidence of a similar package being lifted by him the preceding month, caused the court to let the case go to the jury, and the jury must have seen signs of a taint of knowledge as they promptly found him guilty. The exact truth perhaps rests in Abraham's bosom, but for obvious reasons it is not expedient for him to be there. The case partakes of the nature of the frame-ups of fiction where a revolver is slipped into the pockets of an innocent man. In that case as in this, the question of guilt depends upon what part the accused had in placing the pistol in his pocket.

A good deal of time was taken up one day in hearing a case Mrs. Alex McChesney against Mr. Alex McChesney for non-support. This was a colored case and as usual there was dark cloud of witnesses for and against. It appeared that the defendant owned a country estate, a saw-mill and an automobile. Also that a divorce proceeding was pending between the parties. The court heard a good deal of the evidence on both sides, and taking the view of the matter that all questions of support and alimony would come up in the divorce case, as well as the custody of the five children, he stopped the case, and following a rule of making peace whenever possible in marital troubles, he took the parties into an ante-chamber to see if a truce could be patched up. One of the witnesses said later: "The Judge married them again and turned them loose." Anyway the jury trial was stopped and if the case goes on it will be in the divorce proceedings. In this case there was much evidence both as to the high cost of living and the cost of high living.

At this court, the law and evidence warranting it, a jury found for the railroad in the case of a cow that had been killed on the track. The railroad attorney got a similar verdict at the last court and it is pathetic to see how much confidence he has in his fellow man. He is more than willing to trust his quarrel to a Pocahontas jury. It has almost restored his confidence in human nature. Much can be done with a railroad attorney if caught young.

Statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the Pocahontas Times, published at Marlinton, West Virginia, for April 1, 1916.

State of West Virginia
County of Pocahontas, ss:

Before me a notary public in and for the State and County aforesaid personally appeared Calvin W. Price, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the owner of the Pocahontas Times and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, entitled in section 443, postal laws and regulations:

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3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are—none.

Calvin W. Price.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of April, 1916.
C. W. PRICE, Notary Public
[My commission expires Dec 6, 1919]

Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Marlinton Oil Gas Co., a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, held at Marlinton, W. Va., on the 20th day of March, 1916, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, first, That the Marlinton Oil Gas Co., a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, does hereby discontinue business as a corporation and surrenders to said state its charter and corporate franchises. The President of the corporation will proceed to convert the property, choses in action and all assets of this corporation into cash and pay off and discharge all its debts, liabilities and obligations, divide the remainder among the stockholders pro rata with their several holdings of stock, but no such payment shall be made to any stockholder until after the publication of the notice hereinafter provided.

Resolved, second, That the president of this corporation cause notice of the adoption of the foregoing resolution to be published in some newspaper of general circulation published near the principal office or place of business of this corporation once a week for four successive weeks; and that he certify these resolutions to the secretary of state of the State of West Virginia and deliver to him a certificate showing the publication of said notice as provided by law.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of March, 1916.
G. W. Campbell, President
of said corporation.

April court will seem very distant by the times that the ballots fall in the box in June. The democrats were not much bothered with candidates, only one appearing, so there was no occasion for double dealing. Last of all came Dr. Godbey, also. He has been here before and is offering to go to Congress. He is now in the state senate and it is thought that he is agreeable to the present administration. He and Thayer and Riordan are having a hot race but so far none of them have set the New River on fire. It is whispered around that along about corn-planting time that the friends of the Hon. Joseph H. Gaines, will enter him in the race, whether the former famous congressman consents to it or not. And we hear the same as to Judge Dice. It would not be necessary for the Judge to resign his position to make this kind of a run, as he has many precedents in West Virginia, where judges have not resigned, pending an election to Congress as in the case of Judge Freer and other judges of West Virginia. We also hear Hon. Andrew J. Horan spoken of in this connection.

Well, we have the real thing at last. Col. Roosevelt is the candidate of the hour for nomination at the Chicago conventions and considering the fact that some four million voters who supported him in 1912, went back into the republican party, it is hard to see why he could not be considered the logical candidate. He has played his cards with consummate skill. He undoubtedly demonstrated in 1912, that more than half his party wanted him nominated. He cost the republican party the election that year in order to make his argument clear. When he got through the fact was apparent that his diagnosis was right, but the party was beaten. He has got the party to about the point that he can say: "They will either have to take me or have trouble."

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Examiners—Flossie Conrad, Uiric W. Grimes, Mrs. B. B. Williams.

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We wish to thank the good people of Cloverlick for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the death of our darling baby.

Mr and Mrs C. F. Belz.

NOTICE

Will do no custom grinding from April 15th to May 15th at Beards Mill on account of repairs.

P. H. HINER.

Sheriff's Monthly Financial Statement.

Balance on hands February 29, 1916	\$54 498 04
RECEIPTS	
Taxes collected	1 992 81
License tax collected by County Clerk	48
Fines collected from justices	5 00
Public Service taxes received from Auditor	26 044 10
Miscellaneous Collections—	
County fund	538 83
Road fund	1 100 00
School fund	189 50
Total receipts, including balance	\$84 368 76
DISBURSEMENTS	
Orders paid, issued by County Clerk	\$ 6 532 94
Orders paid, issued by School Boards	8 870 58
License taxes paid into State Treasury	35 78
Sheriff's Commission on License	1 88
	\$15 441 18
Balance, March 21, 1916	\$68 927 58

I, L. S. Cochran, Sheriff of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the finances of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, for the month ending March 31, 1916, showing the balance on hand at the beginning of the month, the amount received, the amount disbursed and the amount remaining in the treasury and banks.

Given under my hand this 11th day of April, 1916.
L. S. COCHRAN, S. P. C.

Administrator's Sale

Notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against the estate of J. E. Hannah, deceased, to present them properly proven to the undersigned administrator for settlement. All parties knowing themselves indebted to said estate will please prepare to settle.

This 5th of April, 1916.
Russell Hannah, Adm'r.
Estate of J. E. Hannah, dec'd.

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